

SHB 2867 - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Ways & Means

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 28B.45.030 and 2005 c 258 s 4 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:

5 (1) Washington State University is responsible for providing  
6 baccalaureate and graduate level higher education programs to the  
7 citizens of the Tri-Cities area, under rules or guidelines adopted by  
8 the higher education coordinating board and in accordance with  
9 proportionality agreements emphasizing access for transfer students  
10 developed with the state board for community and technical colleges.  
11 Washington State University shall meet that responsibility through the  
12 operation of a branch campus in the Tri-Cities area. The branch campus  
13 shall replace and supersede the Tri-Cities university center. All  
14 land, facilities, equipment, and personnel of the Tri-Cities university  
15 center shall be transferred from the University of Washington to  
16 Washington State University.

17 (2) Washington State University Tri-Cities shall continue providing  
18 innovative coadmission and coenrollment options with Columbia Basin  
19 College, and expand its upper division capacity for transfer students  
20 and graduate capacity and programs. The campus shall also seek  
21 additional opportunities to collaborate with the Pacific Northwest  
22 national laboratory. ~~((Beginning in the fall of 2006, the campus may  
23 offer lower division courses linked to specific majors in fields not  
24 addressed at local community colleges. The campus may admit lower  
25 division students through coadmission or coenrollment agreements with  
26 a community college, or through direct transfer for students who have  
27 accumulated approximately one year of transferable college credits. In  
28 addition to offering lower division courses linked to specific majors  
29 as addressed above, the campus may also directly admit freshmen and  
30 sophomores for a bachelor's degree program in biotechnology subject to~~

1 approval by the higher education coordinating board. The campus may  
2 not directly admit freshmen and sophomores for degree programs other  
3 than biotechnology, however this topic shall be the subject of further  
4 study and recommendations by the higher education coordinating board.))

5 (3) Beginning in the fall of 2006, the campus may admit lower  
6 division students directly, while continuing to work closely with  
7 Columbia Basin College providing innovative coadmission, coenrollment,  
8 and program options as articulated in the Columbia Basin College and  
9 Washington State University Tri-Cities Coordinated Bachelors agreement.  
10 By simultaneously admitting freshmen and sophomores, increasing  
11 transfer enrollment, coadmitting transfer students, and expanding  
12 graduate and professional programs, the campus shall develop into a  
13 four-year institution of higher education serving the Tri-Cities  
14 region."

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15 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "Tri-Cities;" strike the  
16 remainder of the title and insert "and amending RCW 28B.45.030."

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